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In re:

BED BATH & BEYOND INC., et al.

Debtors.1

Case No. 23-13359 VFP

Chapter 11

Honorable Vincent F. Papalia

CERTIFICATION OF TARA L. GRUNDEMEIER

¹ The last for digits of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s tax identification number are 04889. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/bbby. The location of Debtor Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address in these Chapter 11 cases is 640 Liberty Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

Case 23-13359-VFP Doc 619-1 Filed 06/05/23 Entered 06/05/23 12:45:05 Desc I, Melissa E. Valdez Estific heich you continue followed I amenber of the law firm of Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, proposed counsel to the Texas Taxing Authorities. My office is located at 1235 North Loop West, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77008. I make this Certification in support of my application to appear in this case *pro hac vice* pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9010-1.

- 1. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Texas in 2005. I am admitted to practice before the following courts:
 - Southern District of Texas
 - Northern District of Texas
 - Eastern District of Texas
 - Western District of Texas
 - District of Columbia (Inactive)

² Including but not limited to: Bexar County, Cameron County, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, Dallas County, City of El Paso, Fort Bend County WCID #02, Fort Bend County, City of Frisco, Grayson County, Gregg County, Harris County, Hidalgo County, Jefferson County, Lewisville Independent School District, City of McAllen, McLennan County, City of Mesquite, Montgomery County, Nueces County, Parker CAD, Rockwall CAD, San Marcos CISD, Smith County, Tarrant County, Tom Green CAD, Victoria County, Wichita County Tax Office, Randall County Tax Office, Brazoria County, Brazoria County Special Road & Bridge, Alvin Independent School District, Alvin Community College, Brazoria County Drainage District #4, Pearland Municipal Management, Brazoria Municipal Utility District #06, Woodlands Metro Municipal Utility District, Woodlands Road Utility District, Clear Creek Independent School District, Humble Independent School District, Pasadena Independent School District, Spring Branch Independent School District, City of Houston, Lubbock Central Appraisal District, Midland County, City of Lake Worth, Crowley Independent School District, Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, Frisco Independent School District, Plano Independent School District, Bell County Tax Appraisal District, Bowie Central Appraisal District, Brazos County, Denton County, Guadalupe County, Hays County, Midland Central Appraisal District, Taylor County Central Appraisal District, City of Waco, Waco Independent School District and Williamson County.

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2. I am a member in **extinition of Counts a** in **Peace 3 forthe** jurisdictions in which I am

admitted to practice.

3. No disciplinary proceedings are pending against me in any jurisdiction. No discipline

has previously been imposed on me in any jurisdiction. I have never been suspended

or disbarred from the practice of law.

4. I have obtained a copy of the Local Bankruptcy Rules and am generally familiar with

such Rules. I will comply with all court and ethical rules governing the practice of law

before this Court.

5. I further agree to pay all fees to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the

District of New Jersey and the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection as provided in Rule

101.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of New

Jersey.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my

knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: June 5, 2023

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<u>s/Melissa E. Valdez</u> Melissa E. Valdez, Esq.

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